Claims

1. Electromechanical switching device with two movable contact elements (33,34), which each interact with a fixed contact (35,36), with a housing (8) featuring a fixing side (11) of a width (B), which, viewed from above the fixing side, (11) is subdivided into two housing areas (18,19) each adjoining one of the lengthwise sides (15,16), in which one of the movable contact elements (33,34) as well as the associated fixed contact (35, 36) are located in each case, characterized in that each housing area (18,19) has a narrow partial housing area (22, 23) and adjoining this a broad partial housing area (20,21), with the broad partial housing area (20) of the first housing area (18) being adjacent to the narrow partial housing area (23) of the second housing area (19) and the narrow partial housing area (22) of the first housing area (18) being adjacent to the broad partial housing area (21) of the second housing area (19).

2. Switching device in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the directions of actuation (R1,R2) of the movable contact elements (33, 34) are opposed to one another.

3. Switching device in accordance with claim 1 or 2, characterized in that at least one housing area (18,19) contains an actuator which responds immediately (2,3).

4. Switching device in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that the width (b) of the immediate-response actuator (2,3) is at least as large as half the width (B) of the housing.

5. Switching device in accordance with claim 3 or 4, characterized in that the immediate-response actuator (2,3) features a coil (29,30) with a round cross-section.

6. Switching device in accordance with one of the claims 1 to 5, characterized in that at least one housing area (18,19) contains a delayed-response actuator (4,5).

7. Switching device in accordance with one of the claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the device contains more than two housing areas (18,19).

8. Switching device in accordance with one of the claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the housing areas (18,19) contain different circuit arrangements.